

PRESIDENT SHAKES NEARLY 8,000 HANDS

Mr. Taft's Last New Year's Reception in the White House Draws a Great Throng.

INDIAN CHIEFS A FEATURE

Diplomats, Judges, Army and Navy Officers and Citizens Extend Greetings—Beautiful Costumes Worn.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]
Washington, Jan. 1.—President Taft shook hands with nearly eight thousand persons at his New Year's reception in the White House today. While there were fewer officials than usual, there were distinguished citizens by hundreds who had waited long in the street before the State, War and Navy department building that they might extend their greetings. The reception was larger than that of last year and one of the largest ever held in the White House.

President Taft and his Cabinet went down the state stairway for their last New Year's reception, the four red coated buglers of the Marine Band announcing them with the fanfare and after quickly receiving the list of invited guests in the Blue Room they received the greetings of Ambassador Jusserand, now dean of the diplomatic corps, who extended the felicitations of the President of France. After him came the 30 members of the corps, the men wearing their splendid uniforms and decorations and the women their beautiful gowns and furs.

Mrs. Taft wore a long trained gown of black charmeuse with soft draperies, the entire upper portion of the bodice being composed of folds of white lace over black thread lace.

Postmaster General Hitchcock, the only bachelor of the Cabinet, walked with Mrs. Hilles, wife of the President's secretary, while Secretary Wilson awaited the party in the Blue Room.

More Time to Citizens.

The time for receiving officials was shortened by a half hour that more time might be given to the reception of citizens. Mrs. Taft remained with the President and women of the Cabinet far beyond the usual time. It was almost 1 o'clock before she retired to the state dining room, where, according to an old custom, breakfast was served for those invited to the Blue Room.

With all the display of a New Year's reception there were several interesting features which robbed it of its monotony. One of the happenings was the arrival of two tall Indian chiefs of the Klickitat tribe of Oregon—Skookewarawee and Koochewa—who, arrayed in full native costume, called to extend their congratulations to the "Great Father," and carried between them a bag filled with gifts for him.

The head usher met them in the East Room after they greeted the President, and prevailed on them to wait for the presentation until to-morrow, when they would visit the President in his office. For a time they occupied seats on the Roman benches in the East Room and held a reception of their own.

In the Blue Room were Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, brother and sister-in-law of the President; Mr. and Mrs. William Collins Herron, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Taft; Miss Taft and Robert Taft, with parties of friends; the Misses Meyer and their house guests, and the Cabinet and their house guests. The guests of Mrs. Taft were: Mrs. Hugh Wallace, Mrs. Nathaniel Francis, Mr. A. Garrison McClellan, Mrs. Charles Rae and others.

Charles, the great white Italian poodle of Miss Taft, attended the reception and was greatly admired, making friends with every one.

Mrs. Knox, who in the absence of the wife of a Vice-President stood next to Mrs. Taft, wore a gown of blue velvet embroidered in silver, with cream white lace almost entirely forming the bodice.

Mrs. MacVeagh wore a gown of smoke brown satin, embroidered heavily in silver, with falls of rare old cream white lace on the bodice.

Mrs. Wickersham's gown was of black charmeuse, with an overdress of black net, heavily embroidered, and finished with a narrow band of dark fur. Bands of fur and lace on the bodice were relieved with gold embroidery and touches of blue.

Mrs. Meyer wore a gown of white satin with an overdress of white chiffon and a graceful arrangement of white lace on the bodice.

Mrs. Fisher's gown was of purple moire with velvet of the same hue, and almost the entire bodice formed of cream white lace.

Mrs. Stimson's gown was a model of long graceful lines carried out in gray brocade and gray chiffon, with point lace forming much of the upper part.

Other Charming Costumes.

Mrs. Nagel wore a gown of gold colored moire silk with hands of brown fur on skirt and bodice, cream lace forming a relief for the upper part of the bodice and sleeves.

Mme. Jusserand, wife of the French Ambassador, wore a gown of amethyst satin, with a velvet hat of the same hue trimmed with long plumes, and an ermine stole and muff.

Costa de Calvo, wife of the Minister of Costa Rica, wore taupe charmeuse, with a hat of the same shade trimmed with blue. Her daughter, Señora Marta Calvo, wore a black chiffon gown trimmed with touches of blue. Her hat was of black trimmed with blue.

Señora de Calderon, wife of the Minister of Bolivia, wore a gown of black with white touches of fur. Her hat was of black and white velvet trimmed with white fur.

Mme. Chang, wife of the Chinese Minister, and their daughters, the Misses Chang, appeared in picturesque native costume.

Señora de Riano, wife of the Spanish Minister, wore black and white chiffon over black satin, with trimmings of white lace. Her hat was of black and white velvet, trimmed with black fur.

Mme. Bryn, wife of the Minister from Norway, wore a gown of black charmeuse, with cream lace on the bodice, and a black velvet hat, trimmed with black feathers.

Mrs. Catrillo, wife of the Minister from Nicaragua, wore black velvet, with white fur, and a white hat, trimmed with white fur.

Mme. de Pena, wife of the Minister from Uruguay, wore black velvet, trimmed with deep cream colored chiffon and bands of ermine, and a huge red rose on the bodice. Her hat was of black velvet, with white plumes.

Mrs. Havenith, wife of the Minister from Belgium, wore a gown of soft black chiffon, with a black hat and soft furs.

Señora Mendez, wife of the Minister from Guatemala, wore a handsome black velvet gown with trimmings of ivory charmeuse and a Venetian lace collar and touches of ermine fur. Her hat was of

black velvet. She wore ermine furs and a corsage bouquet of orchids.

Mme. de Pezet, wife of the Peruvian Minister, wore a gown of black and white chiffon, with a tunic of black and white striped silk and a girdle and bodice trimming of American beauty red. Her coat was of black and white fur and her hat of black velvet was banded with white fur.

Princess Triades Prabadh, wife of the Siamese Minister, who attended her first New Year's reception at the White House, wore French blue silk cashmere embroidered in blue, with a toque of the same shade of velvet finished with an aigrette.

Mme. Ali Kuli Khan, wife of the Chinese Minister, wore a gown of emerald green brocade silk, with a velvet toque of the same shade. She wore a necklace of Persian turquoise and earrings of the same. Her furs were of brown.

HARRIMAN LABORATORY

Legislature Asked to Charter One for Research Work.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Albany, Jan. 1.—Another institution for medical research, similar to the Rockefeller Institute, is to be established if a bill introduced to-night by Senator Wagner becomes a law. This incorporates the Harriman Research Laboratory.

The incorporators are Dr. William G. Lyle, Dr. Lewis R. Morris, Mary Harriman, Wirt Howe, Robert L. Gerry and such others as may hereafter be associated with them. They are to have authority for "conducting and encouraging scientific investigations, experiments and research in the science and arts of hygiene, medicine, surgery, bacteriology and allied subjects, and making public knowledge relating to those subjects."

The corporation asks to be empowered to take and hold property absolutely or in trust without limitation as to amount or value, subject only to such limitations as the Legislature may hereafter impose.

XMAS TREE ON HIGH SEAS

Children in Steerage of Adriatic Made Happy En Voyage.

Through the thoughtfulness of Mrs. E. J. Herwind, of this city, and Bernard N. Baker, the steamship man of Philadelphia, the children in the steerage of the White Star liner Adriatic were made happy on Christmas.

When the Adriatic arrived yesterday it was said that Mrs. Herwind and Mr. Baker bought a big tree and gifts for more children than the vessel carried. Although the steamship encountered her worst weather on December 25, the children made merry, and all received several gifts.

On the eastbound trip the Adriatic's master ordered a boat drill when anchored off Madeira. In lowering one of the boats a halyard broke, throwing the occupants into the water. One of the sailors died shortly afterward in the ship's hospital.

WEDDINGS.

HUNTINGTON—STRONG.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 1.—Miss Agnes Fales Strong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Strong, of Central avenue, and Howard Huntington, also of this city, were married at 6:30 o'clock to-night at the home of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Hall, of Union Theological Seminary, an uncle of the bride. Mrs. Thomas A. McCready, of Pelham Manor, N. Y., and Miss Helen C. Strong, sister of the bride, were bridesmaids, and Augustus Z. Huntington, brother of the bridegroom, the best man.

RUNYON—MACDONALD.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 1.—Miss Florence MacDonald and former City Judge William N. Runyon, both of this city, were married to-day at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton. Mrs. Runyon was graduated at the training school of Muhlenberg Hospital. Mr. Runyon was graduated in the Yale University class of '92. He held the office of city judge for four consecutive terms and was twice defeated for Congress on the Republican ticket.

PIFFARD—BROWN.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 1.—Miss Helen Louise Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving H. Brown, of Central avenue, and Charles Halsey Haight Piffard, son of Mrs. Charles H. Morse, of Chicago, were married at the home of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Dr. J. S. Zells, of last night. Miss Marion Brown, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and W. Creighton Harris, of Edinburgh, Scotland, the best man.

ORTON-BENSON.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Morrisstown, N. J., Jan. 1.—Miss Laura Douglas Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Benson, and Dr. Henry Roylan Orton, of East Orange, were married this afternoon at the bride's home, No. 191 Morris street, by the Rev. Philip F. Sturges, rector of St. Peter's Church. More than one hundred guests from Morrisstown, New York, Newark, East Orange and Montclair were in attendance.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Marshall Benson, and two flower girls, Miss Emily E. Orton, of Montclair, and Martha Judd Van Gilder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Van Gilder, of New York. The bridesmaids were Misses Mary H. Orton, of Montclair, and Benjamin Orton, of Montclair, and Raymond Orton, of Newark.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED.
Mr. and Mrs. Owen McDevine, of No. 79 West 9th avenue, Manhattan, have announced to their daughter, Evelyn Eugenie, to Robert Nicholas King, a lawyer. King is a graduate of St. Francis College and of the Fordham University School of Law. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fitch, of the Judge and Judge, Long Island, gave a tea yesterday to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Miss Fitch, to Raymond Clarke Storb, of Port Townsend, Penn. Both Miss Fitch and Mr. Storb are graduates of Swarthmore College.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Free admission to the American Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Postally show: Madison Square Garden, Waldorf-Astoria, 2 p. m.

Meeting of the Legislative League of New York, Waldorf-Astoria, 3 p. m.

Public lectures of the Board of Education, 8:15 p. m.: Public School 27, 424 street, east of Third avenue; The Language of Music, by Dr. Delyana, Public School 25, No. 418 West 25th street; "Shakespeare as a Dramatist," Joseph L. Tynan, Public School 29, No. 228 East 55th street; "Africa from Sea to Shore," Herbert L. Bridgman, Public School 62, Hester and Essex streets; Dr. Charles F. Horton, of Montclair, and Raymond Orton, of Newark.

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PLEASED AT SUCCESS OF SAFE AND SANE HOLIDAY

Citizens' Committee Pleased at Headway Made by Protest Against Rowdiness.

BIGGER SCOPE NEXT YEAR

Casualties Compared Very Few and Only Fatally Was the Result of Indoors Family Celebration.

So far as the moral protest against rowdiness and an appeal to the people for a quieter and more dignified New Year's celebration was concerned, the members of the citizens' committee, headed by Jacob A. Riss, which carried out the programme for a safe and sane recognition of New Year's Eve, were highly elated yesterday at what Mr. Riss termed "the enormous success" of the committee's first efforts. The New Year's casualties were comparatively few, and the only fatality—that of a woman in Brooklyn—was the result of an indoors row only remotely connected with the city's observance of the holiday.

Encouraged by the manner in which the more dignified celebration and joined in the choral song rendered at the four "centres," where the safe and sane celebrations were held, particularly in Madison Square, the committee promises bigger things for next year.

Already Mr. Riss and his associates have in mind the plan for a big torchlight procession of singers down Fifth avenue, next New Year's Eve. With ample time, instead of the two weeks in which Tuesday night's exercises were planned, the suggestion has been made for the assembling and training of a great chorus of four or five thousand voices to lead the singing in Madison Square, the point which the committee considers the "heart of the city," and at which the principal celebration should be held. The safe and sane centres will also be extended to other parts of the city.

Speaking of the work of the committee and the results which it believed it had accomplished, Mr. Riss said yesterday:

Feels Much Encouraged.

"While many difficulties beset us and we learned our lesson from our first experience, we feel greatly encouraged over the manner in which the appeal for a safe and sane celebration was received by the people. We hope that we have begun something which will become an institution in this city on New Year's Eve in the years to come. The great heart of New York is all right. The celebration planned by the committee went far beyond our expectations. We hardly had expected to do more than register a moral protest against rowdiness on the part of hoodlums, and a certain part of the respectable people who turn hoodlums on that night, and in that respect the safe and sane celebration was enormously successful. I believe that New York had a quieter and more dignified New Year's Eve than it has had for years."

Mr. Riss told of the suggestions which had already been made for extending the celebration for next year. He and the Rev. Arthur J. Smith, superintendent of the evangelistic committee, who assisted Mr. Riss in planning and supervising the quiet celebration, were at Madison Square during the rendering of the choral numbers by E. G. Marquard. They were both enthusiastic yesterday over their experience at that centre. One of the largest crowds in the history of the city, perhaps 5,000 people, assembled there between 11 o'clock and midnight, and a great majority of them apparently came to sing, according to members of the committee.

Auto Crowds Joined Songs.

Mr. Riss and Dr. Smith circulated through all parts of the crowd during the singing, they said, and everywhere persons were following the songs from the printed words which had been distributed, and the great volume of song just before midnight could be heard above the din of the noise-making devices in the hands of the wanton revellers who gathered on the edges of the great crowd and in the surrounding streets. Hundreds of automobiles, filled with stylishly dressed men and women, were parked on Madison avenue, and in most instances the occupants were joining lustily in the singing. It was said:

"It was evident that the greater part of that huge mass of people came to Madison Square to sing," said Dr. Smith, "and the committee is very happy in the results obtained, particularly at that point. It gives us courage and hope for bigger and better things next New Year's Eve. The music and singing at City Hall Park were effective, too, and those of the big crowd there who were near enough to catch the tunes readily responded in swelling the chorus. The Salvation Army carried out an impressive and successful song service at Union Square. The oldtime noise interfered with the singing most at Herald Square. I believe, however, that the moral protest registered against rowdiness last night will be lasting and beneficial in the future."

Plenty of Arrests, However.

Despite the safe and sane celebration, there was the usual number of police cases in the magistrates' courts yesterday morning, but there was nothing to show that they exceeded or even equaled the number recorded in the aftermath of former New Year's Eve celebrations. Most of the injuries were received by combatants in fights and brawls, and the several persons wounded by stray bullets from the hands of marauders who became overenthusiastic as the libations increased and the evening wore on, apparently occurred after midnight. The work of the "safe and sane" stopped a minute before midnight, and the four centres in Herald Square, Madison Square, Union Square and City Hall Park.

Magistrate Krotel, who was sitting yesterday in the West Side court, complained the district covered by the court on the small number of persons arrested on New Year's Eve. He said:

"This district in years past has been notorious on account of the number of people who got into trouble on New Year's Eve. This morning we only had thirty prisoners, two of them women, and practically all taken into custody simply for safe keeping on account of their intoxication. Such a small number and the absence of serious crimes or misdemeanors speak well for the improvement of the district."

Most of the arrests reported at the various police stations were for intoxication and disorderly conduct. Some of the more exuberant revellers resorted to smashing windows and firing revolvers at random. There were four stabbing cases

reported to the police, due to rowdiness and fighting. The following accidental shootings were reported at Police Headquarters during the night:

The Injured.

Harry Cohen, thirty-one years old, shot in the right side while hanging out a clothesline at his home, No. 23 East 10th street. He was attended by Dr. Kirschbaum, of Fordham Hospital, and remained at home.

Canillo Pantano, eleven years old, of No. 36 East 10th street, shot in the right leg with buckshot by an unknown man. She was attended by Dr. Knapp, of Harlem Hospital, and remained at home.

Nette Genetsky, twenty-two years old, of No. 407 14th street, injured by flying glass when a random bullet broke the pane in the window at which she was sitting at her home.

Julia Grace, fifty-two years old, of No. 43 East 14th street, was similarly injured by breaking glass when a bullet crashed through the window at which she was standing.

Emma Creta, sixteen years old, of No. 407 West 26th street, was standing near a window of her room on the second floor, when she was struck in the side by a bullet. Dr. Ward took her to the New York Hospital, where it was said the wound was not serious.

George Hallreiser, seventeen years old, of No. 1723 Amsterdam avenue, received a slight bullet wound in the right ankle while standing in front of No. 32 West 14th street.

Louis Halpern, twenty years old, was shot in the right leg while standing in front of the house at No. 178 Clinton street. He was attended by an ambulance surgeon and remained home.

Several accidental shooting cases were reported to the Brooklyn police, none of which resulted seriously. John Ohlandt, a boy, dropped dead in front of No. 546 Fourth avenue, while out celebrating. He lived at No. 546 6th street.

Margaret Engelhardt, thirty-two years old, of No. 81 Wyckoff street, received injuries as the result of a family row at her home yesterday growing out of a celebration of the new year, which resulted in her death at the Long Island College Hospital yesterday afternoon. The number of police cases in Brooklyn were said to be smaller than for several years.

"PARSIFAL" SUNG AGAIN

Large Audience Heard Wagner Work at Metropolitan.

The second of the season's "Parsifal" performances took place yesterday afternoon at the Metropolitan Opera House, and the audience, a large one, listened to the work with reverent attention. The cast was, with one or two exceptions, one that has appeared in all the Metropolitan performances of this opera in the last two years. Mme. Fremstad was Kundry; Mr. Burian, Parsifal; Mr. Well, Amfortas; Mr. Witherington, Gurnemanz; and Mr. Goritz, Klingsor.

Mr. Hertz, of course, conducted, and as a whole the opera went smoothly.

"UNWRITTEN LAW" PLAYED

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Auburn, N. Y., Jan. 1.—H. H. Frazee presented here this afternoon for the first time Edwin Milton Royle's "The Unwritten Law." The story concerns the wife of a former District Attorney in the capital city of a Western state.

The woman, with three children, is deserted by her husband, who has become a diplomat. Her struggle for existence is alleviated by the charity of Larry McCarthy, a neighboring saloonkeeper, whom she promises to marry to provide a home for her children.

The return of McCarthy's affinity delays the marriage. A tragedy which develops the theory of social justice on which Mr. Royle has based his play follows.

In the cast are Frank Sheridan, May Buckley, Marion Ballou, Stella Hammerstein, Elsie Herbert, Frederick Burton, John Stokes and Earle Brown.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Oswald Yorke, who has been appearing in the Little Theatre production of "The Affairs of Anatol," will join the Old English Comedy company of Annie Russell, at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre next week. He will appear Monday night as Captain Jack Absolute in Sheridan's "The Rivals," succeeding Frank Relcher in the part.

Ethel Barrymore has been selected to appear in the new play by Haddon Chambers which Charles Frohman will produce next season. The play is based on the novel, "Tante," and will give Miss Barrymore the part of an excitement-loving young woman.

Vaill Valli, Weber and Fields, Elsie Janis, Sam Bernard, Montgomery and Stone, Robert Hilliard and a number of other Broadway players will attend a theatre party to-day to witness a performance of William Collier in "Never Say Die," at the Forty-eighth Street Theatre.

Mrs. Fliske will close her season in "The High Road," at the Hudson Theatre, Saturday night, January 18, going from here to Boston.

Emma Goldman will deliver the first of a series of talks on the drama on Sunday afternoon, January 6, at the Lenox Casino, at 3 o'clock. The first subject will be "The Futurity of Sacrifice and the Deadening Effects of Material Success," as exemplified in the works of Ibsen.

Adeline Genee will give two special dance matinees at the Park Theatre. One this afternoon on "La Danse" and the other to-morrow when she will present "La Camargue."

A souvenir performance to mark the 10th presentation of "Fanny's First Play" in New York will be given at William Collier's Comedy Theatre, Wednesday evening, January 15.

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UNCLE SAM—Hey! Git back there!
CASTRO—Well, ain't I? What's the matter with you?

A NEW FLORID SINGER

Fraulein